

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2017 SESSION

CHAPTER 589

An Act to amend and reenact § 4.1-126 of the Code of Virginia, relating to alcoholic beverage control; granting of certain mixed beverage licenses.

[H 2185]

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 4.1-126 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 4.1-126. Licenses for establishments in national forests, certain adjoining lands, on the Blue Ridge Parkway, and certain other properties.

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 4.1-124, mixed beverage licenses may be granted to establishments located (i) on property owned by the federal government in Jefferson National Forest, George Washington National Forest or the Blue Ridge Parkway; (ii) at altitudes of 3,800 feet or more above sea level on property adjoining the Jefferson National Forest; (iii) at an altitude of 2,800 feet or more above sea level on property adjoining the Blue Ridge Parkway at Mile Marker No. 189; (iv) on property within one-quarter mile of Mile Marker No. 174 on the Blue Ridge Parkway; (v) on property developed by a nonprofit economic development company or an industrial development authority; (vi) on old Jonesboro Road between Routes 823 and 654, located approximately 5,500 feet from the City of Bristol; (vii) on property developed as a motor sports road racing club, of which the track surface is 3.27 miles in length, on 1,200 acres of rural property bordering the Dan River in Halifax County, with such license applying to any area of the property deemed appropriate by the Board; (viii) at an altitude of 2,645 feet or more above sea level on land containing at least 750 acres used for recreational purposes and located within two and one-half miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway; (ix) on property fronting U.S. Route 11, with portions fronting Route 659, adjoining the City of Bristol and located approximately 2,700 feet north of mile marker 7.7 on Interstate 81; (x) on property bounded on the north by U.S. Route 11 and to the south by Interstate 81, and located between mile markers 8.1 and 8.5 of Interstate 81; (xi) on property consisting of at least 10,000 acres and operated as a resort located in any county with a population between 19,200 and 19,500; (xii) on property located as of December 1, 2012, within the Montgomery County Route 177 Urban Development Area, which area is adjacent to Exit 109 on Interstate 81; (xiii) on property fronting Route 603, with portions fronting on Interstate 81, located approximately 1,100 feet from the intersection of Route 603 and Interstate 81 at Exit 128; (xiv) on property located south of and within 1,400 feet of Interstate 81 between mile markers 38.8 and 39.5; (xv) on property bounded on the north by Interstate 81, on the west and south by State Route 691, and on the east by State Route 689; (xvi) on property located south of and within 1,500 feet of Interstate 81 between mile markers 44 and 44.4; (xvii) on property within 1,500 feet of Interstate 81 on either frontage road between mile markers 75 and 86 in the County of Wythe; (xviii) on property within the boundary of any town incorporated in 1875 located adjacent to the intersection of Interstate 81 and Route 91; (xix) on property adjacent to the intersection of U.S. Route 220 North and State Route 57, operated as a country club as of December 31, 1926, in Henry County; (xx) on property adjacent to Lake Lanier, operated as a country club as of December 31, 1932, in Henry County; (xxi) on property fronting Old Jonesboro Road between Routes 823 and 808, located approximately 4,500 feet south of Interstate 81, and operated as a country club; (xxii) on property located west of Route 58 and approximately 3,000 feet north of Interstate 81; (xxiii) on property fronting U.S. Route 11 and 1,300 feet north of Interstate 81; (xxiv) on property located within 1,500 feet of Exit 26 on Interstate 81; (xxv) on property within the boundary of any town incorporated in 1911 located adjacent to the intersection of Route 63 and Route 58 Alternate; (xxvi) on property within the boundary of any town incorporated in 1894 consisting of 1.9 square miles and, prior to the town's incorporation, known as Guest Station; ~~and~~ (xxvii) on property fronting Kanawha Ridge Road, located within approximately 700 feet of Route 638, and operated as a resort in Carroll County as of December 31, 2007; (xxviii) *on property located 2,135 feet north of the intersection of State Routes 1223 and 661; (xxix) on property located on State Route 685 approximately 1,128 feet west of the intersection of State Routes 652 and 685; and (xxx) on property located adjacent to State Route 697 and operated as a country club in the Powell Valley section of Wise County.*

B. In granting any license under clauses (iii) and (iv) of subsection A, the Board shall consider whether the (i) voters of the jurisdiction in which the establishment is located have voted by referendum under the provisions of § 4.1-124 to prohibit the sale of mixed beverages and (ii) granting of a license will give that establishment an unfair business advantage over other establishments in the same jurisdiction. If an unfair business advantage will result, then no license shall be granted.